



## Survey Says...?

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One of my favorite TV game shows was the original Family Feud with Richard Dawson. His big line was, "Survey Says!" when the survey answer was shared with the audience. I am pleased that my Budget Survey drew more than 700 participants. Thank you to those who engaged. It was long...but then our deficit is large, so the survey needed to at least attempt to grasp the entire budget.

This survey is not gospel—however, I think it is worth noting that some responses reflect a large consensus and we can discuss them.

Looking back I think changing responses from cut/do not cut to yes/no would have been better for some questions. The length of the survey could also have been shortened, even though the budget presents lots of choices.

Also if the survey had a visual meter that tracked how much money was left to spend or how much one needed to cut to balance the budget—that would have been ideal. That way you could track the deficit as you answered each question. I took a survey about a year ago on how to balance the California state budget that tracked the money as you answered questions on the survey—but I'm sure Sacramento spent more than the \$10 I spent on this web survey.

Click here to view the Survey Responses:

**[http://bit.ly/2009\\_San\\_Jose\\_Budget\\_Survey\\_Responses](http://bit.ly/2009_San_Jose_Budget_Survey_Responses)**.

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